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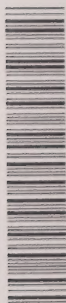
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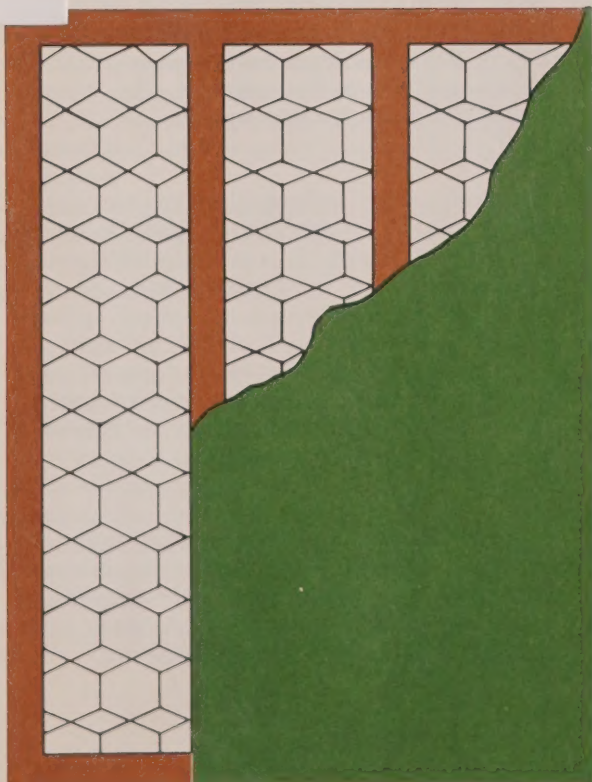
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Highly trained plasterers are required to use tools, materials and techniques to transform various surfaces into textured finishes according to the dictates of an architect or owner.

For men and women interested in a career in this vital and challenging vocation, the Industrial Training Branch of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities is sponsoring an attractive, modernized apprenticeship training program.

### **Qualifications**

Applicants for apprenticeship must be at least 16 years of age and have a minimum of grade 8 standing in Ontario, or an equivalent level of education. There are no maximum age limits for apprentices, but a good physical condition is required because bending, stooping, or reaching to ceilings is a sustained physical effort. They should have a interest in mathematics, blueprint reading and chemistry.

### **Duties**

Experienced plasterers in Ontario are expected to be proficient in a wide range of duties. They must be able to plan and lay out a job; mix and apply various plastering materials; use machine and handtools; and erect and dismantle scaffolding. They must know the composition of the plastering materials they employ and must have a knowledge of safety requirements.

### **Training**

The training program for apprentice plasterers covers four periods of 1,600 hours each (equivalent to approximately 3½ years) consisting of practical on-the-job training under the supervision of a skilled journeyman and related instruction at a college of applied arts and technology.

The related courses of instruction are compulsory and include an eight-week basic course, an intermediate course, and an advanced course near the end of the apprenticeship contract.

### **Training Allowances**

When the apprentice attends courses, tuition fees, living allowance and travel expenses are paid by the Federal Department of Manpower and Immigration and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities under a shared-cost agreement.

## **Earning While Learning**

While training on the job, apprentices earn while they learn. Their wages are based on a percentage of those paid a journeyman in the same trade in the same shop. An apprentice receives 30 per cent of the the prevailing rate for journeymen in this area during the first period of apprenticeship. The rate advances to 50, 60 and 80 percent in each of the succeeding periods.

At the conclusion of each 1,600-hour period, apprentices must receive the recommendation of their employer before proceeding to the next period of contract.

## **Certificates of Apprenticeship**

On completion of the four periods, apprentices must write a final examination. A passing mark of 60 percent will entitle them to a Certificate of Apprenticeship.

The Certificate of Qualification is issued by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities for this trade on the payment of a \$10 fee. This certificate does not require renewal.

## **Employment Prospects**

A continued increase in the employment of plasterers is expected. In addition to openings resulting from the growth of the trade, replacement needs will create hundreds of other job opportunities for new workers each year in residential, industrial and commercial construction and restoration work.

Once the apprentice attains the status of journeyman, individual abilities usually determine advancement to an administrative position or ownership of a business.

## **Enquiries**

All enquiries concerning apprenticeship should be addressed to the nearest district office listed on the back of this leaflet, or to the:

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